ticket examiners to check ticketless travel in long distance Express Trains;

(b) what is the rough estimated cost of loss per year to the Railways due to ticketless travelling;

(c) the amount collected from ticketless traveller during the years 1990-91, 1991-92 and upto July, 1992; and

(d) whether any steps have been taken to put down ticketless travel in all trains particularly in Express Trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir. here is some need.

(b) The Loss is not quantitable.

(c) Rs. 25.12 crores, 28.63 crores and 8.43 crores were realised from ticketsles travellers during 1990-91, 1991-92 and upto June 1992 (latest available), respectively.

(d) the measures taken to curb ticketless travel include regular surprise magisterial checks, publicity campaings through different media and deterrent penalties provided in the new Railways Act. Steps to create additional posts of TTEs etc. are also taken wherever justified.

Improvements in National Highways

3053. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Highway Network requires considerable improvement;

(b) if so, what is the length of National Highways Network, still single lane or with low-grade surface;

(c) what is the length of National Highways Network which is due for widening to four lane considering the traffic density;

(d) whether Government have any strategy to complete the above works; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Although National Highways in the country are generally in a traffic worthy condition, the network has certain deficiencies. Out of the total length of 33,689 kms, a length of 5636 km is still having single lane or low grade surfacing. Keeping in view the expected growth of traffic by 1995, a length of about 14,900 kms would need four-laning as per the existing capacity norms.

(d) and (e) Development of National Highways is a continuing activity and improvement works are being taken up on the basis of Annual Plans/ Five Year subject to availability of funds. In the 8th Five Year Plan, an outlay of Rs. 2460.00 crores is earmarked for the development of existing National Highways. Due to constraints of resources, it is too early to indicate the time frame for the removal of various deficiencies on N. H. network. For this purpose, it is envisaged to attract private sector participation as well.

हिन्दुस्तान शिपयार्ड लिमिटेड को हुआ घाटा

3054. **श्री विनोद शर्मा** : क्या **जल-भूतल परिवहन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र का एकक हिन्दुस्तान शिपयार्ड लिमिटेड पिछले कई वर्षों से घाटे में चल रहा है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान वर्ष-वार कितना घाटा होने का अनुमान लगाया गया है ; और

(ग) इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाइटलर) : (क) जी हां।

(ख) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान वर्षवार घाटा निम्न प्रकार था :–

वर्ष	घाटा (करोड़ रु.)
1989–90	78.82
1990–91	78.35
1991–92	103.74 (अनन्तिम)

(ग) घाटे के मुख्य कारण निम्नलिखित हैं :–

(i) लागत मूल्य अन्तर।

(ii) कम उत्पादकता।

(iii) जहाजों को पूरा करने में लगा अधिक समय।

(iv) कार्यशील पूंजी की आवश्यकताओं के वित्त पोषण हेतु बैंकों आदि से लिये गए ऋणों पर भारी ब्याज का भार।

Repair work on Nizamuddin Bridge

3055. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the repair work on the Nizamuddin Bridge is progressing very slowly causing great inconvenience to the public; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken to complete the repair work expeditiously?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir. Repair work on the bridge is progressing as per schedule.

(b) Does not arise.

National Highways in Karnataka

3056. SHRI J. P. JAVALI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the Road Development Programmes of 1961 and 1981, Karnataka should have National Highways to the extent of 3215 Kilo-metres;

(b) if so, what is the present length of National Highways in Karnataka and the reasons for the short fall, if any; and

(c) the new routes State Highways proposed for conversion into National Highways in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) No, Sir. None of the two Road Development Plans, namely 1961-1981 and 1981-2001, mentions any State-wise targets for National Highways in different States. Howver, the present length of National Highways in Karnataka is 1996 Km.

(c) The State Government of Karnataka had sent 13 proposals for declaration of new National Highways in the 8th Plan which are enclosed as statement. (*See* below) However, since a very large number of proposals aggregating to 37,566 Kms have been received from various States, and there is paucity of funds, it is too early to indicate decision about new National Highways in the 8th Plan.